

**CORWITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**8170 MILL STREET, VANDERBILT, MI**  
**MAY 1, 2024**

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board present were Pat Coultres, Lori Bush, Tom Kellogg and Debbie Whitman. Supervisor Vern Kassuba was absent. Others present were Judi Jarecki, Jim Neely, and Kris Powell.

Treasurer's Report given by Bush showing balances for the month of April as follows: general fund \$528,218.27 and tax collection \$13,904.19. Motion by Whitman, with support by Kellogg, to approve the minutes, bills and acknowledge the Treasurer's report. Roll call vote: Coultres – yes, Bush – yes, Whitman – yes, Kellogg – yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Judi Jarecki reported that the zoning interpretation of Zoning/Recreational is being worked on – no contrary comments made by Board. Jim Neely – community garden was brought up at Business meeting held last month. Samantha Jones had made the request at the meeting but was not present tonight. Community gardens are required to be fenced in. Will require yearly approval from DNR as is on leased land. Proposing raised beds. Suggesting cutting down to 10 feet between beds and having 10 beds opposed to 6 beds with 30 feet between. Discussion on water source, short time frame, raised beds, etc. Fencing requirement needed. Suggest sign or flags out on area to what in progress for the area as being worked on to find funding, construction, interest. More information and a more detailed plan is needed.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Turnbull not present.

**ZONING/ASSESSING:** Nothing reported on.

**CEMETERY:** Wreaths across America Program coming to Evergreen Hill Cemetery.

**TWP PROPERTY:** Furnace for office/kitchen – Maple Woods Heating has determined what the problem is with the office/kitchen. Furnace is too big and overheats due to duct work size. Bid to replace furnace/air conditioner is \$14,348.00. Motion by Coultres, with support by Kellogg, to accept the bid from Maple Woods Heating for \$14,348.00. Motion carried, 4-0.

**WASTE TRANSFER:** Clean Up Day had 8 compactors filled, 211 tires turned in and 12 freon applicances brought in.

**FIRE/RESCUE:** Busy month with structure fire and providing mutual aid.

**SCHOOL:** Looking at starting a wrestling team next year, applying for grants for an after school enrichment program, and created a Bus Supervisor position.

**PLANNING COMMISSION/PARKS & REC:** It was noted that it was surprising at how many businesses were identified in the area at the Business meeting – May 22, 2024 5:30 p.m. next Business Initiative meeting.

**ROADS:** Sturgeon Valley Road agreement letter signed and returned to Road Commission. Projected start date is supposed to be May 21 for the Sturgeon Valley Road project..

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Debbie Whitman  
Corwith Township Clerk